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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Pettijohn Late-successional Reserve Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project, Plumas County, California (CEQ#20120186).

Dear Ms. McElroy:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Pettijohn Late-successional Reserve Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project. Our review and comments are pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA commends the Forest Service for its efforts to improve forest health and reduce the intensity and spread of wildfires across the landscape and near communities. EPA reviewed the Draft EIS and provided comments to the Forest Service on June 7, 2011. We rated the Draft EIS as Lack of Objections - LO. We recognize the ecological significance of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and support the inclusion of best management practices and measures to protect old-growth forest ecosystems as described in, (Appendix F).

The EPA commends the Forest Service for its commitment to decommission 2.3 miles of National Forest System roads to alleviate negative effects on fish and water quality (p. 8). Additionally, we appreciate the updated discussion of surveys for the northern spotted owl habitat in the project area.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Final EIS. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact James Munson, the lead reviewer for this project. James can be reached at (415) 972-3800 or [munson.james@epa.gov](mailto:munson.james@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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